

# WATERLOO REGIONAL CAMPUS ELECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

The Waterloo-Wellington Region offers many quality medical learning opportunities at <a href="Cambridge">Cambridge</a> Memorial Hospital, Grand River Hospital, Guelph General Hospital, Homewood Health Centre, St. Mary's Hospital as well as <a href="Groves Memorial Hospital">Groves Memorial Hospital</a>, and <a href="North Wellington Health Care">North Wellington Health Care</a>, including Louise Marshall Hospital and Palmerston and District Hospital. The Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine, Waterloo Regional Campus building is also home to the Centre for Family Medicine (CFFM), a privately owned Family Health Team and the regional site for the McMaster Family Medicine Residency Program, and the University of Waterloo's School of Optometry teaching clinic. The campus also neighbours high-tech companies, Google, Communitech and Desire2Learn. The WRC is home to five residency programs including Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Psychiatry. The wealth of local experience, grounded in our commitment to community training, provides access to unique educational opportunities.

## Why consider an elective at WRC?

- Scope and range of community and rural practice
- Opportunities to perform a wide range of procedures in a variety of settings
- Learning experiences are customized according to Learner's needs and rotation
- Hands on, one-on-one learning and teaching experience
- Involved local support staff and enthusiatic teaching faculty

#### Benefits to the learner include

- Opportunity to practice medicine in rural community settings
- Tremendous opportunities to gain exposure to community medicine.
- Working within modern hospital sites that offers specialized training experiences
- Local physicians and allied health professionals who willingly share their expertise and wisdom

#### What makes WRC unique

- Located in the heart of the Technology Innovation District in downtown Kitchener, Ontario
- Over 800 faculty spanned across many different specialties to serve your interest
- Unique experience and learning in one of the fastest growing regions in the country.
- Faculty and staff provide exemplary mentorship both formal and informal

#### Distributed Site Electives Process

- Apply for an WRC visiting elective through the McMaster Postgraduate Medical Education Office website: https://pgme.mcmaster.ca/forms/visiting-elective-distributed-sites/
- Once elective is confirmed with Christina Chan, ensure all Postgraduate Office and Waterloo requirements
  are fulfilled at least 2 weeks before elective start date. Postgraduate Office requirements can be found here:
  <a href="https://pgme.mcmaster.ca/apply/electives-application/">https://pgme.mcmaster.ca/apply/electives-application/</a>
- For Mac-CARE travel and housing eligibility and information please visit: https://finmcare.mcmaster.ca/



#### What did you enjoy about WRC?

I rotated through WRC during my final year of pediatric residency and would highly recommend it for junior and senior residents alike. The busy NICU provides plenty of opportunities to practice NRP and day-to-day care of neonates, while the pediatrics service was never lacking in acuity or variety. The pediatrics service generally includes medical students, off-service family med residents, junior and senior pediatrics residents. As a senior resident, it provides an opportunity to work on leadership skills managing teams of learners. The calls are busy, and offer a great opportunity to work on triaging ED consults, inpatient concerns, and L&D. It is truly a unique pediatric experience and I would encourage anyone interested in community pediatrics to do an elective there.

### **Available Programs**

Cardiology

Opthalmology

Dermatology

Pathology

Endocrinology

• Palliative Care

Gastroenterology

Plastic Surgery

Geriatrics

Psychiatry

Hematology

Respirology

Hospitalist

Sports Medicine

Infectious Diseases

Sports Medicine
 Sports Psychiatry

Intensive Care

Urology

Nephrology

Vascular Surgery

Neurology

If you have questions about elective rotations in Waterloo or do not see a specialty or subspeciality that you are interested, please contact:

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